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1. MAIN ITEM JAN 25 WAS CHARGE STERN'S MEETING WITH FONMIN
PAK TONG JIN. CHUNGANG ILBO EXPRESSES MANY PAPERS'
ASTONISHMENT THAT "THE US ADMINISTRATION IS NOW ONLY A
MESSENGER AS THE ROKG IS OBLIGED TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH
CONGRESS". ALL PAPERS REMARK ON SWIFTNESS OF US RESPONSE
TO ORIGINAL ROK PROTEST, REPORT THAT CHARGE ADVISED FONMIN
OF SPEAKER O'NEILL'S WILLINGNESS TO "HAVE CONGRESS HAVE
A COOLING-DOWN PERIOD" (SEOUL SINMUN) AND "DELAY DEBATE
ON KOREAN RESOLUTION UNTIL THE RETURN OF THE ROK AMBASSADOR
TO WASHINGTON" (TONG-A ILBO).

2. MOST PAPERS TREAT CONGRESSIONAL MESSAGE AS SIGNIFICANT
CONCESSION, ADDING THAT ROKG CAN NOW FORMULATE NEGOTIATING
POSITION ON PTS' TESTIMONY FOR ROK AMBASSADOR TO CARRY
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BACK TO DC WITH HIM TO PRESENT AT "A TRIPARTITE MEETING
OF THE US ADMINISTRATION, AMBASSADOR KIM, AND CONGRESS"
(SEMI-OFFICIAL KYONGHYANG ILBO). TONG-A ILBO ADDS THAT
POSITION WILL BE FLEXIBLE, GUIDED BY "A WAIT AND SEE
ATTITUDE"; MOST PAPERS SAY ADAMANTLY THAT RETURN OF
FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO IS UNNEGOTIABLE.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT IS UNIFORMLY INDIGNANT AT "HIGHHANDEDNESS", "GREAT POWERISM", "IMPROPER DEMANDS", "EXCESSIVE COMPROMISES BY THE ROKG", ETC.

4. ALL PAPERS NOTE SWILLINGER'S FAREWELL PRESS CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY COMMENT THAT "AN EXTREMELY SMALL NUMBER OF SENATORS" IS IMPLICATED. SEVERAL, IN COMPANION ARTICLES, QUOTE WASHINGTON POST, NYT ARTICLES QUOTING PTS AS SAYING HE GAVE \$17,000 (POST) TO FIVE OR FEWER SENATORS, "INCLUDING HUMPHREY" (NYT). DENIALS BY HUMPHREY INTIMATES PROMINENTLY QUOTED.

5. CHOSUN ILBO, KYONGHYANG ILBO, AND OTHERS FEATURE JAPANESE YOMIURI EDITORIAL URGING SEPARATION OF KOREAGATE INVESTIGATION FROM ROK SECURITY.

6. ALMOST ALL PAPERS COUNTERPOSE COMMENT BY SWILLINGER TO THE EFFECT THAT, IF PAK DOES TESTIFY, "WE WILL HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ASK HIM ABOUT", TO PTS ATTORNEY HUNDLEY'S STATEMENT THAT PTS IS WILLING TO TESTIFY JUST ONCE, BEFORE A CLOSED SESSION OF "THE ETHICS COMMITTEE" PROVIDED "THE QUESTIONERS' IMPARTIALITY CAN BE GUARANTEED". IMPLICATION SPECIFIED BY TONG-A ILBO COLUMNIST, IS THAT AGREEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY IS FAR OFF.
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